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Heidi Adams
113 Oak Street
Hudson, IA 50643

Date Complaint Received:	February 4 th , 2014
Complaint Received By:	DHS
Provider Name and Location:	Heidi Adams, 113 Oak St. Hudson, IA 50643

Complaint: It was alleged that Ms. Adams was found to be asleep in a chair at her home while caring for the day care children. The children ranged in age between one and five years old.

Rule Basis:

- 110.5(9)a Gives careful supervision at all times.
- 110.5(9)c Is capable of handling emergencies.
- 110.5(1) Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.

Findings: On February 5th, 2014 an unannounced visit was made to the home. Ms. Adams stated that she has occasionally dosed off when the children were with her because she has not been feeling well. She stated that on the day in question, her husband was in the home with her and could have responded in an emergency. Mr. Adams is currently off on leave and is able to assist in the home.

Ms. Adams stated that there are times when she is unable to provide childcare due to not feeling well. A safety plan was completed and signed by Ms. Adams stating the following:

- Ms. Adams will not have any children in her care on days when she is not feeling well.
- Ms. Adams will be awake at all times when she has children in her care.
- Ms. Adams will have Mr. Adams or another appropriate caregiver in place if she is not closed.

Ms. Adams had a spot check completed at the time of the visit and the items out of compliance from that visit are included in the February 28th, 2014 compliance letter.

Resolution: Ms. Adams stated that there have been instances when she has dosed off when the children were present. In order to provide proper supervision for the small and vulnerable children in Ms. Adams care, it is imperative that she be awake, alert and supervising at all times. At the present time Ms. Adams husband is present in the home. When he is not present in the home, Ms. Adams will need to take appropriate action, as discussed in the safety plan, to either close or seek additional assistance in the home when she is not feeling well.

If you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact me at 319-292-2419 or email address ahuntin@dhs.state.ia.us

Sincerely,

Angela Huntington
Social Worker